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**PRELIMINARY ACTION**

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- A. Claims 1-13, 16-24 drawn to "window or viewport", classified in class 345, subclass 781.
- B. Claims 14-15, and 25-34, drawn to "a display device driver to configure a display hardware", classified in class 345, subclass 204.

*The two inventions above are distinct, each from other, at least for the following reason:*

Invention A and B are related as sub-combinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. But if the sub-combinations can be use separately, with out one depend upon other, as in invention A's processing of workspace in a window need not be used with invention B's processing a display mode, implement a display device driver, and configuring a display hardware.

Because the invention are distinct for the reason given above and have acquired in a separate status in the art as show by their different classification, and because the search for group of invention A is not required for group of invention B, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

A telephone call was made to Aloysius T.C.AuYeung on 08-22 and 09-05 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to the Patent Examiner **Thomas Nguyen**, whose telephone number is (703) 308-7240 (Monday to Friday 10:00 - 6:30 ET) or *Kristine Kincaid* Supervisory Patent Examiner (703) 308-0640. Other inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900 and Official-Fax number (703) 746-7239 for After Final (703) 746-7238. Please label properly on the cover page of facsimile communications.

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